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WELL DONE

WILLIAM GARRITY, U. S. Steel worker and employee representative who has favored cooperation with the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee, congratulating Philip Murray, SWOC director, on the CIO success in winning a contract with Carnegie-Illinois Steel (U. S. Steel Corp.).

Fight For Mc-Namara

Machinists Leader
Says Labor Can
Get Them Out

E. F. Dillon, president of Machinists' Local 68, thinks it is time for the labor movement to take up the fight for freedom of J. J. McNamara and Matthew A. Schmidt.

A reporter of the Western Worker questioned Dillon on these labor martyrs.

"It has always been time for labor to fight for these and all labor prisoners," was Dillon's first remark.

"I have met Schmidt," he added. "but not McNamara. Schmidt is a likeable man and a fine type of unionist. When I was in Chicago last year I took up the question of the campaign for their freedom with Ed. Nockles of the Chicago Federation of Labor and with Clarence Darrow, who defended them at the trial."

"Since then, Nockles has died, and little seems to have been done" (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Invite La Guardia To Simpson Meet

SAN FRANCISCO—Mayor La Guardia of New York City has been invited to attend and address a Lawrence Simpson anti-Nazi meeting at Dreamland Auditorium on Wednesday, April 7th, in a telegram dispatched to him.

The wire was signed by representatives of District Council No. 2, Maritime Federation of the Pacific, the International Labor Defense, the American League Against War and Fascism, and the National League for the Defense of Political Prisoners, members of the provisional committee arranging the meeting.

Simpson, American seaman who was held prisoner for eighteen months in Nazi jails, will make his only public appearance in San Francisco at the meeting.

WIN GARMENT STRIKE
PITTSBURGH.—American Trouser Co. workers won a 15 per cent wage increase after a strike led by the United Garment Workers.

MAY DAY
ALL SECTIONS AND
COUNTY COMMITTEES ARE
URGED TO TAKE UP IM-
MEDIATELY THE QUES-
TION OF PREPARATIONS
FOR MAY DAY!

CIO to Organize L. A. Plants; New Blows for Green in Calif.

HUGE FASCIST OFFENSIVE IS TURNED BACK

20 Captured Italian Munition Trucks In Madrid

MADRID—In the face of the biggest attack yet launched with an estimated 100,000 Italian troops in Spain, government armies not only turned back the Fascist assault on Guadalajara, but captured the Fascist held city of Cordoba in the South. The capture of Cordoba was announced by the government radio station at Valencia.

The counter-attack against the Italian troops at Guadalajara, northwest of Madrid, came after the Italian troops had started what is generally conceded to be their largest major offensive to date.

The heavily motorized Italian army units, using a largest amount of German equipment, had rolled southward toward Madrid at a rapid rate capturing a series of smaller loyalist outposts.

The counter-attack at Guadalajara was assisted by tanks and aircraft. Loyalists captured one piece of heavy artillery, four anti-tank guns, fourteen machine

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L. A. PEOPLE'S LOBBY ON COURT

Support Proposals to Make Change

LOS ANGELES—In support of President Roosevelt's proposed Supreme Court reforms, C. R. Winkle, president of the Carpenters' District Council and first vice-president of the California People's Legislative Conference, has issued the following statement:

"The California People's Legislative Conference is wholeheartedly in favor of the President's proposed Supreme Court reforms.

"The adoption of this plan is necessary," he declared. "The progressive measures which the great majority of the people favored in the recent presidential election are not to be overridden."

"The California People's Legislative Conference is urging all its members' organizations which represent three-quarters of a million people in the State to pass resolutions urging their Representatives and Senators in Congress to vote on the President's judicial reforms."

Milk Price Jacked Up in East Bay

OAKLAND—East Bay workers get another jolt in the already slim pocketbook, with a new increase of one cent a quart in the price of milk.

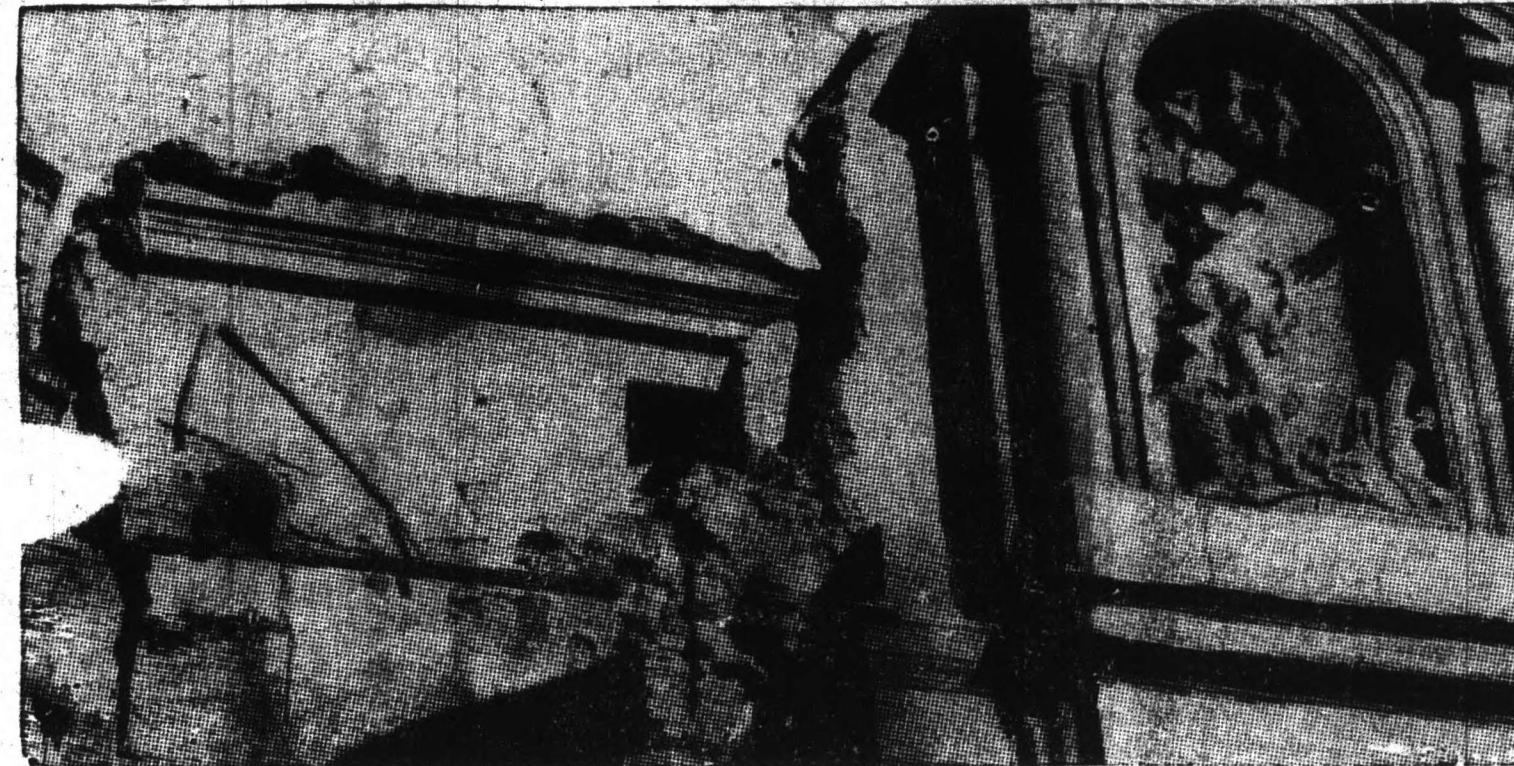
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The Fascists Do Not Spare the Churches



FASCISTS BOMBED this church. While the Franco propaganda machine and the Hearst press get together on stories of loyalist atrocities in Spain, Fascist artillery and planes bombed churches, like this one in Madrid. The government's operations spare civilians and strike only at military objectives.

10% WPA WAGE RAISE OR WE'LL STRIKE ON JOB

Three Counties Would Be Affected By Walkout

SAN FRANCISCO—Broken promises for a 10% wage increase may bring about a strike of all WPA workers in San Francisco, Contra Costa and Alameda Counties.

In addition to the 10% wage increase, the Workers Alliance is demanding a halt to personnel reductions.

William Lawson, state WPA administrator, Ralph G. Wadsworth, ast. director, and employment director Emily Wooley were informed of the strike possibility by a committee representing WPA workers in the three counties. Increased living costs led to the demands.

Plan Mass Meet On '9 Old Men'

SAN FRANCISCO—Details of a mass meeting to be held the night of March 31 in support of President Roosevelt's plan to curb the Supreme Court, will be worked out by the San Francisco Committee of the California People's Legislative Conference at a meeting Wednesday, March 17, 8 p. m., at Scottish Rite Auditorium.

Regularly elected delegates, as well as newly elected delegates and observers, are to attend.

Jury Decision For Vigilante Head

SACRAMENTO—A prejudiced jury here on Monday decided against Silva Green's \$25,000 suit against Fred Cairns, leader of the tar and feather mob in Santa Rosa.

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Blast New Oil Steal

Standard Would Get \$5,000,000 Worth For \$505,952

SACRAMENTO—A proposal by Standard Oil Company that it pay the State only \$505,952 for oil it has pirated from the state-owned Huntington Beach tidelands smells so bad that many of the legislators have moved to protest.

Legislative committees which had probed the outrageous robbery of oil drained by private companies off state oil pools refused to approve the agreement reached with Standard Oil by State Finance Director A. E. Stockburger.

Senator Culbert Olsen of Los Angeles described the proposal as giving Standard Oil over \$5,000,000 worth of oil and gas for the trivial sum agreed on by Stockburger.

Sacto. Endorses Field Labor Plan

SACRAMENTO—With nearly 200 members attending, the Sacramento Agricultural Workers local, AFL affiliate, has voted approval of the program adopted by the recent State Federation-sponsored agricultural conference in San Francisco.

Under auspices of Agricultural local 20241, meetings were held last Sunday in Isleton and Walnut Grove to discuss wage demands in asparagus.

SAN FRANCISCO—A meeting of the entire constitutional committee of the State Agricultural Conference was held last Sunday to consider the preliminary draft of a constitution for a state agricultural charter.

U.S. Mediator In Plumas Strike

Portola, Plumas County

Federal Mediator Walter Mathewson is here in an attempt to arbitrate the strike of box factory and planing mill employees of the Feather River Lumber Co. The strike is at Delleker.

The 90 strikers have been out since March 1, demanding an increase in wages.

EAST BAY LABOR WILL DRAW UP LABOR PLANKS

Candidates to Pledge Before Receiving Endorsement

OAKLAND—Meeting before the primary elections for the first time in 20 years, the Alameda County Non-Partisan League Federation of Labor last Saturday night voted to draw up a minimum platform, to which candidates must pledge themselves before receiving the Federation's endorsement.

In previous years, the Federation met after the primaries and endorsed "the best of the worst" candidate left in the finals.

A policy committee of 17 was elected to draw up a labor platform, after a motion to adopt

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Appeal Verdict Against Pickets

Scathing Blast At Ship Bill

Fight on Guffey Bill is Urged By Unions

SAN FRANCISCO—The Maritime Federation Council No. 2, is on record sharply condemning the Guffey "Ship Labor Act."

The proposed act, now before congress, is nothing but a compulsory arbitration attempt, according to the Council.

Its various provisions are carefully calculated to limit the growth of the maritime unions.

The Council describes it as a counterpart of the infamous Railway Labor Act, and calls on all labor bodies to condemn it and all similar measures pending, which are of a Fascist nature.

At the same time Attorney George Anderson will seek writs of habeas corpus for four of the pickets who were cited for contempt of court because, in accordance with their legal rights, they refused to give their addresses for the benefit of further vigilante and police brutality.

The nine, who picketed at the call of the American League Against War and Fascism, were found "guilty" of "refusal to move on." When the jury virtually promised that he would extenuate "leniency" if a verdict could be reached.

Among those convicted was Anita Whitney, state chairman of the Communist Party.

Townsend Sentence Termed Attack on Pension Movement

Washington

Townsend followers throughout the country interpreted sentencing of Dr. F. E. Townsend to 30 days in jail, and \$100 fine, on charges of contempt of the House of Representatives, as an attack against their movement for old age pensions.

STRIKE WAVE CONTINUES IN ITS INTENSITY

New Wave of Sit-downs in Drive For Organization

As the nation-wide wave of strike struggles continued in full intensity in the fight for higher wages and organization of the unorganized the CIO United Automobile Workers Union obtained final settlement of its main demands on General Motors.

Lightening of the speed-up and granting of seniority are among the demands won. The final agreement gives the CIO union sole recognition in 17 plants which were recently struck.

The Auto Strikes

A new Danbury Hatters case was threatened against Chrysler auto strikers in Detroit, when Sheriff's officers served on thousands of sitdown strikers an injunction ordering them to evacuate nine Dodge-Chrysler plants or else face a \$10,000,000 fine to be levied against all their belongings.

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"The rank and file of the International Seamen's Union is for industrial unionism," Curran said.

Plane Drive Goes on

Douglas Victory Enhances CIO Union Prestige

SANTA MONICA—The Douglas Aircraft Co. on Monday agreed to bar all discrimination against Auto Workers' Union members, as final settlement was reached.

SANTA MONICA—With the strike at the Douglas Aircraft Company ended here the evening of March 11 with important concessions won for all workers, union men were laying plans to tighten their organization not only in the Douglas and Northrop plants, but throughout the entire aircraft industry.

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L. A. DEFEATS GREEN LETTER; BIG CIO DRIVE

S.F. Labor Council Seats CIO Textile Workers Local

Latest developments in the struggle for unity of the American labor movement and in the great CIO drive to organize the nation's 40,000,000 unorganized include:

LOS ANGELES—Questioning at last Friday's meeting of the Labor Council here, of minutes of the previous meeting as they appeared in the "Citizen," which declared the Council had concurred in Green's letter tantamount to expulsion of CIO unions. The vote at the previous meeting had definitely rejected Green's letter.

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MOONEY WIRES I. L. D. ON FIGHT

Urge Mass Pressure in Fight For Pardon

Tom Mooney has wired the International Labor Defense as follows:

March 15, Western Union
Elaine Black
International Labor Defense
1005 Market, Room 410
San Francisco, California

We have splendid chance passing pardon resolution California Senate if sufficient time allowed. Tremendous campaign under way which reactionaries fear. They demand immediate action before force of pressure is felt. Pardon resolution vote set for Tuesday March 16 all possible speed necessary. Exert pressure on the lieutenant governor George J. Hatfield,

LABOR DEFENSE IS HEADING FIGHT AGAINST PRISONERS' MISTREATMENT, LOS ANGELES

Invites Progressive Organizations to Join; Prisoners Forced to Sleep on Cold Cement Floors

LOS ANGELES—Six members of a Prison Relief Committee of the International Labor Defense were given the "run around" by Chief Jailor of the notorious Lincoln Heights jail, Roy Steckel, Thursday, March 11, when they called to protest the Fascist-like treatment given the prisoners.

With Steckel conveniently "out" the committee left its resolution and immediately drew up a registered letter to be sent to Steckel, making an appointment for Thursday, March 18, at which time the committee will ask various representative progressive organization to join in its protest.

The resolution presented by the committee follows:

Visiting Hours Cut

WHEREAS: The visiting hours of prisoners have been cut down from eight to three hours a week; and

WHEREAS: It is impossible for the hundreds of prisoners in the jail, to have reasonable interviews with their relatives and friends in such a short time and under such crowded conditions; and

WHEREAS: The public is inconvenienced and forced to stand in line for hours in order to see a prisoner for a few moments; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of a term in prison is not to punish but to fit the prisoner for future usefulness to society; and

WHEREAS: Prisoners are now not allowed to have fruit, candy or any comforts sent in to them; and

Sleep on Floors

WHEREAS: It is reported to us that prisoners are actually forced to sleep on cement floors; and

WHEREAS: We know that the food given to these prisoners will not sustain their health during even a short period; and

WHEREAS: Such treatment as is outlined above is a deliberate violation of human rights:

THEREFORE, WE DEMAND: That two visiting days a week be restored to the prisoners and that they be permitted to receive the few comforts previously allowed them.

CIO to Organize L.A. Industries

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Textile workers union expelled as a CIO union.

In addition, the Labor Council here has endorsed the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (CIO) drive to organize the Nevada County gold miners, Alameda County Council had already done this.

LOS ANGELES.—Announcement by CIO of a drive to organize 20,000 Los Angeles rubber, steel and cotton garment workers. The great Douglas Aircraft victory is expected to facilitate this job.

WASHINGTON.—William Green is going forward with plans for a "special emergency AFL convention to expel all CIO unions. Green and the executive council have now definitely shown themselves as the ones out to split the American labor movement.

Green has sent organizers into many fields to spike CIO organization drives and to set up dual unions.

In Los Angeles, Labor Council secretary Buzzell, carrying out such plans of Green, has moved to get the United Automobile Workers Union declared ineligible to operate in the aircraft plants. He has filed such a contention with the Labor Board.

In Massachusetts, the state federation of labor has dealt Green a serious rebuff, refusing to carry out Green's orders to war upon the CIO drive to organize the New England shoe industry.

"All unions should seek a common objective," the state federation told Green.

The Maryland State Federation of Labor reactionary officials have moved to call a special convention and have announced they will bar all CIO unions, for fear of being outvoted.

On Monday conferences of the CIO United Electrical Workers Union and the huge General Electric Corp. began in New York, with the probability that the CIO union will win recognition.

Similar conferences are being prepared with Westinghouse Electric. The CIO union has also started organization of the telephone workers. All together 75,000 workers in these industries will be affected by the CIO organization drive.

HEADS DRIVE



SIDNEY HILLMAN, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, who heads the CIO Textile Workers' Organizing Committee, in charge of the drive to organize 1,250,000 textile and garment workers.

URGES FIGHT FOR McNAMARA AND SCHMIDT

Machinists' Leader Says Labor Can Get Him Out

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done in the way of organizing a labor campaign.

"It must not be thought that nothing has been done through legal processes, but the fact is that they will have to depend on the labor movement."

The Western Worker was anxious to get the comments of a progressive labor leader on this important matter which has been neglected since reactionary labor leaders first turned their backs on McNamara, after he had been tricked by false promises to plead guilty of the Los Angeles Times dynamiting in 1911.

"Do you think," Dillon was asked, "that sentiment for the release of McNamara and Schmidt could be effectively started if locals of the trade unions would pass resolutions on the question and urge legislators to go on record for their release as they have gone on record in the case of Tom Mooney?"

"Certainly," was Dillon's immediate answer.

"And it must not be forgotten," he added, "that legislators are showing themselves to be a great deal more responsive than they have been in the past."

"I wonder what causes that?"

The reporter smiled and so did Dillon.

"Labor should work with any legislator who says he's for freedom of labor prisoners," Dillon continued, "but we know well enough that some who voted in the assembly for the Mooney pardon are no more sympathetic now than they were before."

Dillon did not think that the die-hard open shop attitude of the Times and of Los Angeles Merchants and Manufacturers should be used as an apology for not having started a campaign for McNamara and Schmidt sooner.

"It's true," he said, "that reactionary forces were responsible for their imprisonment, but the same is true of all labor prisoners. The reason why they are not free, or that a campaign is not being waged for their freedom, is simply that they have been neglected."

As for the much-vaunted entrenchment of the open shop in L. A., Dillon referred to recent successes of the labor movement.

"The new trend in labor affairs, very noticeable at the present time, no doubt enhances the possibilities for freedom of all labor and class war prisoners. The result is a trend toward liberalism in the legislatures, and politicians are showing themselves a great deal more responsive."

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the platform drawn up by previous policy committee was defeated 62-49. The committee will present the new platform at the Federation meeting next Saturday night at Carpenters' Hall.

Communists in Elections

OAKLAND.—The Communist Party of Alameda County has announced two candidates for office in the Oakland municipal elections this spring—David Adams, who will oppose incumbent Auditor Harry G. Williams; and Herbert Schultz, for City Council, District 6, against James A. De Paoli, incumbent.

Adams is a member of the Union of Professional Workers.

Schultz is the former Epic executive secretary here, and in 1935 ran for councilman-at-large

with Communist Party endorsement.

The Communist Party had also endorsed Vane V. Dart, of Carpenters' Local 36, a leading progressive in the labor movement;

who is running for school director against George W. Hatch; William Wilkerson, of the National Negro Congress, for council against incumbent James H. Quinn.

Douglas Men Back With Big Gains

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negotiations refused to re-employ the 347 sit-downers, he finally capitulated and agreed that all might return to work, excepting 38 men, whom he charged with violence and sabotage.

Although the 38 men have not been named, it is hinted they are members of the strike committee. Inasmuch as Douglas, at the time he agreed to recognize the union, promised there would be no discrimination among the men for union activities, the generally expressed resentment on this issue by the several thousand workers is that a determined fight will be waged to reinstate the 38.

Since Douglas has repeatedly denied he had ever caused men to be fired for union activities, when, at the same time, it had been definitely established, the opposite was true by numerous affidavits filed with the Federal Labor Board by the discharged workers, the common understanding is that a broad strong union is the most feasible way to prevent him from backsliding on promises included in the agreement.

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Poultry Producers In Efforts to Plant Stoools in Union

By a Worker Correspondent

PETALUMA—They have organized the Poultry Producers

and they are having a meeting to plot against the organization of the teamsters and the warehousemen here.

The management has demoted

five of their straw bosses in

order to get them into the union

to stool pigeon, including Carl

Pow, Hans Guelz, Fritz Boysen

and Cowalter.

Two Weeks To Go--\$1800 Per Week!

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the only means of raising more than \$1750. Every unit and every party member and sympathizer must see to it that their own quotas are fulfilled.

The record in Alameda County is worse by percentage. Only

\$11 has been turned in in 20 days, while \$366.70 remains to be collected.

Not only Los Angeles and Oakland, but the following additional sections are seriously lagging: Fresno, San Bernardino, Stockton, Santa Clara, Monterey, Fort Bragg, Arizona, and the Young Communist League.

This is a time when those who have already raised their quotas should carry the campaign further to make up deficits of other sections!

San Francisco workers especially should not stop now, any

more than Los Angeles stopped last year after it had passed its quota!

FIXES BRIDGE BLAME AS DUE TO CASTINGS

But It Wasn't Just An Error of Judgment

SAN FRANCISCO — Himself

under fire from the Industrial

Accident Commission, Joseph B.

Strauss, chief engineer for the

Golden Gate Bridge and High-

way District stuck to his guns

in the charge that overloading

of cast aluminum side plates

caused the death of 10 men on

the Golden Gate Bridge over

two weeks ago.

No Error in Judgment

Strauss' findings made La-

borers Union, 261, in whose ranks

most of the dead men were,

more determined than ever to

see that the guilty persons are

properly punished.

Where union members disagree

with Strauss is in his statement

that the deficiency blamed by

Strauss was caused by "an error

in judgment."

Such findings tends to absolve

the Pacific Bridge Co. of guilt

in disregarding human lives for

the sake of greater profit.

OAKLAND OUT TO END PICKET LAW

S. F. Success Encourages

Hopes in East Bay

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of over 100 gold miners from

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Nevada County — all this has

failed to halt the CIO Mine,

Dodd Protests Nazi Press Obscene Attacks on America

COUNCIL HEADS IN SAN DIEGO ARE RECALLED

Progressives Stand Best Chance In New Elections

SAN DIEGO.—By a vote of 86 to 22, progressive delegates of the Federated Trades and Labor Council have ordered a recall election of all officers.

Nominations were declared open and progressive candidates, previously selected in a special caucus, were nominated for all offices. For the most part the present reactionary officers of the Council refused renomination, altho Walter Stutz President allowed himself to be placed in opposition to J. W. Brown, Business Agent of the Waiters and Bartenders, and progressive choice for the office.

Professor Harry Steinmetz, former president of the council, who was removed 14 months ago by Joe Casey, regrettably declined renomination to the office with the explanation that his duties as Vice-President of the American Federation of Teachers require all of his time.

Lydick Unopposed

John Lydick, Business Agent of the Plasterers, Union, was nominated unopposed for the office of Secretary. The present secretary, Carl Barnes, a carpenter who because his own union repudiated him as a delegate to the council, had to join the Office Workers union to be eligible for his position, declined to run.

Progressive candidates were also nominated for the Board of Administration, which controls all Council property including the weekly Labor Leader, and to the Executive Board and the Organizing Committee.

Because of the overwhelming progressive majority in the Council the election of all progressive officers is a practical certainty.

Altho the special Caucus selected a slate of six nominees for the Executive Committee, delegates discovered that according to the constitution only three delegates, in addition to the President and Secretary, may be elected to this committee. It is expected that another Caucus will be called to eliminate three of the original nominees, as any undemocratic attempt by individuals on a small group to select this slate would be resented by the progressive delegates.

After nominations were in, George Castelman representing the International Association of Machinists, spoke on the successful campaign Aircraft local 1125 is waging in the Consolidated Aircraft plant. This union has now become the largest in San Diego.

LABOR BOARD PROBES HAWAII BLACKLISTING

E. J. Eagen, attorney for the Regional Labor Relations Board, left San Francisco Saturday for Honolulu, to institute investigation of the blacklisting of ILA members in that port.

Eagen left as the result of charges filed by Edward Berman representing the Honolulu ILA against the Honolulu Stevedores Association, Ltd., which provides shipowners with longshoremen on the islands.

Methods of Discrimination
Among the ILA charges are that 54 union members have been discharged, reduced to lower-paid jobs, had their seniority reduced, or discriminated against in other ways.

Honolulu Stevedores Association, Ltd., has virtual monopoly on longshore work in the islands.

The investigation will include Honolulu, Hilo, and Honoulu.

Berman is editor of the "Voice of Labor", published in Honolulu.

Pack Courtroom for Anti-Nazi Pickets

SAN FRANCISCO—An appeal for workers to pack the courtroom for the trial of nine anti-Nazi pickets was issued by the Northern California District of the International Labor Defense.

The trial began Tuesday in Judge Foley's court in the Hall of Justice, and is being held in afternoon sessions starting at 2 p.m.

Preparing the New Slaughter



GUNS ON H. M. S. Rodney, British warship, firing a broadside from her 6-inch guns during target practice of the home fleet. British government's 5-year arms expansion scheme will cost \$7,500,000,000.

Reminiscences of California Labor

By J. E. SNYDER

The Merchants and Manufacturers' Association and the Chamber of Commerce have always maintained a united front, in Los Angeles, against organized labor. Much of the citizenship is built out of an influx of people from Iowa, Texas, and many other states who live on moderate incomes from homesteads rented out back home, or on the results of earnings from small business or artisan shops.

Many of these people are robbed through speculation in oil, real estate investments, etc., and forced into the labor market. Many have to supplement their incomes with wage earnings. They usually come steeped in sectional prejudice. State groups meet each year and as high as a hundred thousand attend.

Big Business has taken advantage of this situation to keep this element well supplied with "dope" through such institutions as Angelus Temple and spreading Aimee McPherson all over the front page of the kept press.

A goodly supply of left-over artisans and small town newspaper men, who saved their earnings and, of course, became artists at back-slapping and handshaking, they make up a very handy political bootlicking nucleus in the various states groups for the Employers' Association.

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The cheap moral reasoning in Los Angeles when the McNamara case collapsed was a hangover from "Sunday School" training about morals. As soon as an organizer of Labor is even accused of murder, that is enough to upset the moral atmosphere of many "labor leaders." With the capitalists it is different. When one of their kind is accused, they unite behind him and their morality does not condemn him unless the case is entirely hopeless to defend. Even then he gets quick parole.

The Socialists began to divide into Factions along about 1910. By 1911 and 1912 the big break came. Debs, Bill Haywood, Tom Hickey, H. C. Tuck, Charles H. Kerr, publisher; Fred Warren, Editor, Appeal to Reason; Tom Lewis, Author Morrow Lewis, Austin Lewis, Lena Morrow Lewis and others, through tours and writings, began to get a following in California.

There is another element of "foreigners" that the "Native Son" cries out against. They are the defeated farmers of the Central Northern states who have nothing left but the old Ford and few household goods. They come and live along the river banks in "Hoover" shacks and the cry of "deport" is raised against them.

All Didn't Oppose Labor

This is not a new thing. As far back as 1910, the Machinists, the building tradesmen and the union men in general, had to go up against the continuous flow of unorganized, cheap-wage minded people.

Thus you get an idea of the resistance power against unions that was at the command of Harrison Grey Otis to overcome and break down organizational campaigns.

Fortunately all these people did not react against Labor, and they had sons and daughters who soon learned when once thrown into the proper environment. Many thousands of the youth are now in the front ranks of the struggle of labor, owing to the lessons learned in the peri-

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CONGRESSMAN CHARGES NAZI SPIES IN U. S. A.

Dickstein Brings Out Data Exposed By John Spivak

WASHINGTON—Congressman Dickstein, New York Democrat who led the House committee investigating "subversive activities" in 1935, declared before the House Rules Committee that there are 100 direct Nazi agents in this country seeking to establish a Fascist government.

Dickstein said that these Nazis lead organizations totaling 200,000 in fourteen states and are training men in uniform.

His charges immediately followed publication in the Sunday Worker of the first of a series of articles by John L. Spivak disclosing Nazi activities.

In this series Spivak began disclosures showing that Nazi espionage, which was largely curtailed in the New Masses two years ago, has been resumed on an even larger scale.

Spivak also declared that Nazi agents were active in the Coughlin campaign and behind Landon during the recent election campaign, that Nazi ships are violating U. S. laws, smuggling literature into this country, that Nazi diplomats secretly guide and pay for anti-democratic activity against the American government, that powerful industrial magnates such as Henry Ford help to pay for these activities, that a Nazi news agency in Washington was organized as an American agency commenting on American affairs while concealing its real identity, and that Nazi agents in America are getting help from numerous ministers and professors in leading universities.

ber only a couple of industrial wage earners from California got on any of the National Organization Committees. In fact that was true of the whole National and Executive Committee in 1913.

"Christian Socialists"

Speakers found it easier to give the low down to their audiences that "Jesus was a Socialist," than to expound the science of Karl Marx. A. W. Ricker and J. Stitt Wilson wrote tracts to prove that "Jesus and Moses were Socialists," and the Encyclopedia Britannica was quoted: "The ethics of Christianity and Socialism are identical." This became so much the understanding of the membership that when the statements of Marx and Engels were quoted against us by enemies, especially the one that "Religion is the Opiate of the People," the membership were horrified at the "slander" and once I was urged by a comrade to take the platform and challenge the speaker on that statement and deny it.

I said: "He is quoting Marx correctly. He knows more about what Socialism is, than you."

To save my reputation with this Comrade, I had to dig up the quotations and show him right from the books written by Marx. This Comrade was one of thousands misled by the so-called "Christian Socialists" who dominated the reading and thinking of many in the Socialist Party.

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SAN FRANCISCO—Following is a summary of funds collected in northern California between Jan. 1 and March 1 and sent to Spain through the American League Against War and Fascism. The accounting includes money collected directly by the League and through the tours of Spanish delegates sponsored by the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

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TOTAL RECEIVED

\$1309.10

Tour of Spanish Delegation

Redwood Committee \$621.21 Sunnyvale Committee 679.46 East Bay Committee 955.27 San Francisco 2538.84

TOTAL RECEIVED

\$4794.78

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BALANCE \$4944.78

Tour of Spanish Youth Delegation

San Jose \$98.82 Berkeley 104.36 Oakland 502.61 Chico 83.80 Vacaville 1010.34 Sacramento 889.25 Monterey 527.55 San Francisco 1808.83

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\$1808.83

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WILD RAGE OF NAZIS STARTED BY LA GUARDIA

Complaint Coincides With Disclosure of Spying

BERLIN—Coincident with disclosure in congress of widespread Nazi spying activities in the United States, Ambassador William E. Dodd delivered a scathing protest to Foreign Minister Konstantin von Neurath, as an outgrowth of Nazi press attacks resulting from the "La Guardia

incident."

"The language of the German press," Dodd was quoted as saying verbally to von Neurath, "is probably unparalleled in its coarse and indecent character and shocking to all decent minded, especially since there was no human provocation

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Douglas Victory Advances All L. A. Labor

THE VICTORY of the Douglas strikers is a far-reaching one for the CIO—its first on the West Coast.

Not only does it mean the unionization of all the Douglas aircraft workers through the recognition of the United Automobile Workers; it gives a tremendous spur to the organization drive throughout Los Angeles.

The victory of the Douglas strikers, owing to the unity between the rank and file members of the International Association of Machinists in the plant with the UAW, illustrates the necessity for fighting to maintain unity in each industry between CIO and craft union workers, in order to push forward the struggle for a unified American Federation of Labor—against the expulsion policy of the AFL executive council!

The efforts of some of the misleaders of the AFL in Los Angeles to maneuver a head-on collision among the Douglas workers between the IAM and the CIO were thus sharply and decisively defeated.

Now pressure must be intensified to dismiss the indictments against 350 of the sit-down strikers, still held for trial.

Buron Fitts, re-elected as District Attorney through the endorsement of large sections of the labor movement in L. A. County, has openly revealed himself as working as the faithful lapdog of all the reactionary and open-shop interests.

We believe a movement to recall Buron Fitts, instituted now, would receive the endorsement and support of organized labor and would carry.

A district attorney representing labor would be a tremendous help in the drive to make Los Angeles a 100 per cent union town!

President Roosevelt referred to "hardening of the judicial arteries" on the Supreme Court. The "nine old men" also seem to be "case-hardened."

Rush Aid to Spain in Hour of Crisis!

THE MEANS used by Mussolini to trick Italian soldiers into "enlisting" to fight for Franco and Fascism was revealed by the two score Italian soldiers captured by the People's Front government forces, who had been told they were being sent to Ethiopia, and instead, found themselves fighting in Franco's army against the Spanish people.

There are now approximately 80,000 Italian troops and 40,000 German troops in Spain, fighting against democracy. These troops are taking the lead in the new Fascist offensive against Madrid—as it was Italian troops that captured Malaga. Besides, there are approximately 25,000 Nazi troops in the field as part of Franco's "Spanish" army of Moors.

This wholesale invasion of Spain continues despite the sessions and decisions of the "non-intervention" committee. These decisions have been numerous—and all ineffective in stopping the pouring of Italian and German troops, tanks, planes and munitions into Spain.

The proposed border patrol would leave a large section of the Spanish coast under the supervision of the German navy only—and the Portuguese border practically without any sort of check except by Britain, whose policy has been to wink at aid to Franco and, in fact, encourage such aid despite official protestations!

The activities of the "non-intervention committee" are characterized as follows by the special correspondent of the London Times, a conservative newspaper:

"Nobody in London actually believes that . . . the proposal of the non-intervention committee is anything but an idle dream."

This clearly shows that all enemies of Fascism, all friends of democracy must redouble their efforts to aid Spanish democracy.

Certainly the people of Spain cannot rely on Germany or Italy—or England—to cooperate in any really effective non-intervention measures. They must look to friends of freedom and progress throughout the world for aid.

The time is critical. The Fascist invaders are engaged in a desperate drive to crush the people. Rush all aid to Spain through the Society for Technical Aid to Spain! Demand the repeal of the so-called "neutrality" policy of the United States which in effect is a boycott of the Spanish government and gives aid to the Fascists!

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The Firm of Chester Rowell & Harry Chandler

WE EXPECT to see reactionaries gnash their teeth at the action of the Assembly in voting to pardon Tom Mooney. We were not surprised to read in Harry Chandler's reactionary *L. A. Times* that "Up went the flag of Tom Mooney and underfoot went the State constitution" when the Assembly cast its pardon vote—although we believe the writer would have liked to write: "Up went the RED flag of Tom Mooney."

But we were mildly surprised to have Chester Rowell, "liberal" columnist of the *S. F. Chronicle*, greet the Assembly's action as "a mere characteristic exhibition of cheap politics."

But on second thought it was obvious that Rowell's reaction was a logical one. For it's really logical for a person who defends Fascism as "a lesser evil than Communism," to prefer to see Mooney remain behind the bars.

It may seem inconceivable to Mr. Rowell, but there actually are a number of Assemblymen who believe in Mooney's innocence to the point of being willing and eager to put up a fight for his freedom.

Every intelligent man acquainted with the record in the Mooney trial knows him to be innocent and the victim of as foul a frame-up as ever was perpetrated. Yet Mr. Rowell is angered at an act which, without considering at this minute its constitutionality, amounts to a protest from the State Assembly against the frame-up and a demand for Mooney's release!

Still, we say nothing about Mr. Rowell's intelligence.

No matter what ruling is made by the Attorney General or the State Supreme Court—the fight for Mooney's unconditional release must go forward on all fronts.

Governor Merriam must be informed, in an avalanche of resolutions and letters, that it is the will of the people of California that Tom Mooney be restored to the ranks of labor!

Famous last words, by the *S. F. Civic League*—"We are confident the women and men wage earners, especially the women, will register their opposition to any movement by certain groups to abolish this (anti-picketing) law, which has served both the worker and the employer so well during the last 20 years." Let the hearse roll on!

Push The Fight To Repeal The C. S. Law

ONE of the most important bills before the State Assembly is that which calls for the repeal of the criminal syndicalism law. This bill is one of the few picked out by the State Chamber of Commerce and the Associated Farmers as the special target for their concentration in their campaign against all labor legislation.

It is especially urgent that all possible pressure be put on the assembly and senate to pass this bill, since the State Prison Board will soon hear the cases of the Sacramento criminal syndicalism prisoners.

The decision of the U. S. Supreme Court, which set aside the conviction of Dirk De Jonge for criminal syndicalism, has a most direct and important bearing on the Sacramento prisoners' conviction and on the C. S. law itself. This is shown by the action of the Assembly in the State of Washington, which passed a resolution for the repeal of Washington's criminal syndicalism law shortly after the De Jonge reversal was made public.

It is especially important that trade unions send resolutions to their Assemblymen urging the passing of the repeal bill, introduced as Assembly Bill No. 311. The vital importance of the repeal movement to trade unionists was reflected in the recent action of Local 38-79 of the ILA, which voted to send the Conference for the Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law \$25 a week until the campaign is over.

The repeal bill is actively supported by the People's Legislative Conference, held at Sacramento January 17th. Those central labor councils and locals affiliated to the Conference should be the first to take action on the repeal bill.

Bring Pressure on Congressmen To Support Supreme Court Proposals

AS THE STRUGGLE between the progressive and reactionary forces around the Supreme Court proposals grows sharper, it becomes more than ever evident that a decisive part is being played by the people.

It is extremely important that all progressive organizations and individuals write their Congressmen and Senators demanding support of the President's proposals. When the proposals were first made, Congress was flooded with a barrage of letters and telegrams demanding defeat of the proposed Supreme Court changes—but investigation revealed that this was a fake "popular demonstration," instigated by public utility interests and the most reactionary, labor-hating "pay-triots" industrialists and organizations.

As this fake campaign spent itself, and the people began to realize the importance of the President's proposals the tide of letters received by Congressmen has turned in favor of the Supreme Court changes.

The intensification of this favorable trend is necessary in swinging support from a number of Congressmen and Senators who have so far remained on the fence, waiting to see which side produces the heaviest battalions.

In face of this vital struggle, which sees class lines becoming sharply drawn, the Trotzkites with their usual effect of weakening the struggle against reaction and attempting to split the growing unity of the people, declare there is no issue at all in the President's proposals!

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Work of the Communists In the Big Maritime Strike

(Resolution to be Read and Discussed in All Party Units)
The Pacific Coast maritime strike, which after 99 days ended in victory, has exerted an enormous influence on the whole labor movement. Its lessons are of tremendous importance to the Party in facing the immediate tasks ahead of us. The Party played a great role in the struggle to maintain the unity of the workers, without which the strike could not have been successful.

In Every Phase of Struggle
The Communists in the maritime unions, both before and during the strike, participated in every phase of the struggle, whether on the picket-lines, in the various committees for organizing relief, publicity, finances, picketing, and in the leading Strike Committees. But more important still, the Communists in the face of red-baiting, mobilized all honest, progressive forces in the unions to fight for a correct policy, and rallied the membership of the Maritime Federation, at every crucial point of the strike, against every splitting maneuver, whether on the part of the shipowners or within the unions' ranks, which threatened the success of the strike.

One of the major factors in the success of the strike was the correct policy of the Communists and other progressive forces, in laying the basis before last Sept. 30th for joint action of all maritime unions, by fighting for the ILA to throw its support behind the seamen's demands by solidarity action on a Coast-wide scale.
This was a glaring contrast to the situation in 1935, when the reactionaries still in control of the ILA, district leadership at that time, prevented any ILA support to the seamen's demands. The election of a progressive leadership in the ILA was an endorsement by the rank-and-file of the policy of unity which strengthened the Maritime Federation and made possible an effective united struggle of seamen and longshoremen.

Farmer-Labor Party Campaign
The effects of the campaign for a Farmer-Labor Party were reflected in a number of ways. A number of maritime unions participated in the California People's Legislative Conference, one of the broadest united front movements ever organized by the labor and progressive forces. Organized labor in San Francisco and Oakland launched a campaign to repeal the Anti-Picketing ordinances, and these measures were placed on the ballot in the special spring elections.

The repeal of the 20-year old anti-picketing ordinance at the special election of March 9th in San Francisco is a major victory for Labor's independent political action. Before the end of the strike, the issue of independent political action, especially in relation to the fight against the Copeland Act, became a central question for discussion among the strikers. The majority of the maritime workers have not yet been won for a Farmer-Labor Party; this is a great shortcoming of the work of the Communists. But there is a greater understanding among the maritime workers on the need for labor's active participation in politics, and that the time is not far off when they will align themselves with other progressive forces for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party, and will be in the forefront of an American People's Front against reaction, fascism and war.

Defeat of Trotzkites
Another major factor was the crushing defeat of the disruptive and splitting tactics and policies of the handful of Trotzkites disrupters, who influenced and incited the syndicalist elements among the seamen to follow a line which was an obstacle to unity and at times seriously threatened the outcome of the strike.

The despicable role of the Trotzkites, and their attempt to utilize the "Voice of the Federation" against the strike leadership and its policies strengthened the hand of the shipowners and can be described as nothing less than strikebreaking, in keeping with the Trotzkites' counter-revolutionary role internationally in alliance with the fascists against the People's Front and against the Soviet Union.

The Party also carried on a mass campaign to win the support of the whole labor movement to the cause of the maritime workers. This spirit of solidarity spread far beyond the ranks of the maritime workers.

It was evident not only in the generous, financial and moral support of the other unions, but in the slogan which has become a by-word in the San Francisco Labor Council: "Union men don't go through a picket line." As a result, for over three months the teamsters, although under reactionary leadership, lived up to the traditions of 1934 and refused to go through the picket-lines not only of the maritime workers, but also of the striking warehousemen and shipyard workers, contributing greatly to the successful conclusion of all these strikes.

It was also the influence of the Negro people to mobilize support for the maritime unions. The Party made some efforts to carry on such a campaign among the Negroes during the strike, but it was a big mistake to wait so long to take up the fight against discrimination in San Pedro.

In San Francisco, owing to a correct policy adopted by the ILA against Negro discrimination since 1934, there were less difficulties. A number of Negro workers were included on the leading committees of the strike. The National Negro Congress played an important role in winning the sympathy of the Negro population in the San Francisco Bay Area for the strikers.

But even here too much was taken for granted; some reactionary elements in the ILA were permitted to carry on an under-cover campaign of discrimination in issuing work permits in the past. The shipowners' agent Lee Holman and the armed thugs in his strike-breaking company-union agency made repeated attempts to precipitate a struggle which would alienate the sympathy of the Negro population toward the maritime unions.

The Communists in the unions must take the lead in fighting against every form of discrimination. The categories refusal of the

A Question on the U.S. Supreme Court

Question: Don't you think we are mistaken in our propaganda on the Supreme Court issue? The Court never usurped power. It was the gentlemen who wrote the Constitution who did the usurping, since it was they who gave the Court the implied power. They frankly intended the Court to be the rampart of property. This is clear from the record of the Constitutional Convention.

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Answer: No, it is not true that the Supreme Court was ever given the power by the Constitutional Convention to veto laws passed by Congress. The Court's powers are clearly defined in the Constitution, and nothing is said about such powers.

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What happened at the Constitutional Convention is this: there were at the Convention two factions, one representing the bolder wing of the revolution believing more in democracy, and the conservative wing of big property and the landlords fighting against democracy. The conservative wing sought on four separate occasions to have the Convention give the Supreme Court the explicit power to veto legislation of Congress, but was defeated every time. However, the reactionaries continued their fight and under the leadership of Adams had a law passed creating the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and appointed John Marshall, their agent, to the office. It was Marshall, in 1803, who then created the theory of the "implied" powers of the Court.

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PETALUMA WORKERS GETTING ORGANIZED, DESPITE ANTI-UNION DRIVE OF EMPLOYERS

Truck Drivers and Warehousemen Sign Up While Poultry Producers Fume And Plot to Keep Low Wages

By a Worker Correspondent

PETALUMA—Forwarding the following report will indicate methods being used in Sonoma County and especially Petaluma, to sabotage and destroy active labor unions, and also methods used to defeat the purpose of farmers cooperative organizations.

TRADE UNIONS' MARCH INLAND HITS PETALUMA

Workers' Enthusiasm Blocks Tactics Of Bosses

By a Worker Correspondent

PETALUMA—The march inland, which all the reactionaries view with alarm, has reached Petaluma and is being enthusiastically hailed by the workers.

The truck drivers, led off by organizing, being immediately followed by the mill and warehouse men. Now the poultry packers and egg candlers are following suit.

New Era for Petaluma

The inception of unions in this city will mark a new era for the welfare of people in this community. The low wages being paid here by various concerns (and wage-cutting of today) are retarding the growth and development of this district.

In contrast, there was an employer-sponsored meeting earlier in the week, held in the Poultry Producers' plant at Petaluma, the object being to prevent the truck drivers and warehouse men from forming a real union.

Anti-Unionist Meet

This meeting was attended by P. P. managers and members of the P. P. board of directors, namely, Mr. Iver Pederson, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Nielson, Mr. John Berkstedt, Mr. Sam Smith, the P. P. local egg department manager—also Mr. McCory, Santa Rosa P. P. director.

A Mr. Langworthy, manager of the egg house of Nye and Nisson, now only a trade name in reality serving the wholesale jobbers of New York City, Baum and Gartner, and financed by Wall Street bankers, was present.

The George P. McNear Co. was represented by Mr. George Murphy, their assistant manager. Mr. George Woodson, of the Poultry Producers' Mill Dept., was also present. He is a mill boss and an American Legion member. A Mr. Floyd Baumgartel seemed to be very sympathetic for the hard-pressed board of directors and stooges representing financial interests that are sucking the life blood of our people with their interest collecting, or rather extracting plan, from our labors.

Against Poor Farmers

Mr. John Lawler, the George P. McNear Co. banker, got himself a \$14,000-a-year job in the Poultry Producers' Central California, when they saw the chicken ranchers were determined to have an organization. He was present.

Rat Was Present

A rat in the person of Clinton Miller of Petaluma was also present. The slick rat was one of a committee that organized a number of men in the P. P. feed mill, and subsequently they were discharged by this same employer-stooge group named above through this rat's stool pigeons.

New Heart in Workers

The winning of the maritime strike and the gains made by the CIO have put new heart into the workers generally, which is being reflected in the local activity of the workers here.

Yours for bigger and better unions.

California Man Injured in Spain

MADRID—Robert Merriman, former University of California instructor and graduate of the University of Nevada, was wounded while fighting for the Spanish loyalists in command of the "Abraham Lincoln Brigade," an American unit fighting on the Jarama front southeast of Madrid.

Merriman's left shoulder and arm was struck by splinters from a Fascist shell. He was treated in a base hospital headed by Dr. Edward Barsky of New York.

Merriman was traveling in Europe on a fellowship when he volunteered in Spain.

Workers' Correspondence Page

A Lesson On Need for Labor Party



THAT'S WHAT Buron Fitts' indictment of 345 Douglas Air-craft sit-down strikers taught labor.

LABOR AND POLITICS In California and Nationally

By John Broman

HOW A FARMER-LABOR PARTY WORKS will be of interest to all Western Worker readers, so here's an item from The Minnesota Leader, organ of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Association:

"Rank and file control is the power of the membership to mold and design the policies of any organization. The Farmer-Labor Party owes its existence to the lack of this type of control in the two old major parties in Minnesota. The only way to keep such control in the rank and file is through adding new members to your local club. If there is no club in your community we shall be glad to help you organize a unit. Do it today!"

In case you've forgotten, the Minnesota, Farmer-Labor Party is represented by two U. S. Senators, five Representatives, Governor Benson, and a majority in both houses of the State Legislature.

Farmer-Labor Democracy . . . At the Minneapolis Farmer-city convention held February 27-28 with 500 delegates attending, another example of how such a people's party works was seen. The Minnesota Leader reports:

"All aldermen previously endorsed by the various wards were upheld by the convention with the exception of Edwin Hendricks of the sixth ward. Opposition was not to the candidacy of Hendricks but to the manner of choosing the candidate by the ward club, which was not considered representative of the entire ward by the executive committee.

"All candidates were requested to sign specially prepared statements agreeing to uphold and support the principles and platform of the Farmer-Labor Association. The majority of candidates have already signed these statements."

Democratic control of the Association, and control of the candidates by the people who put them in office are cardinal principles of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party.

No Communism, Gen. Johnson! Senator Nye's bill to nationalize the munitions industry in the United States riles General Hugh Johnson. It offends him from the top of his head to his military heels.

This rat was not present a few nights later when the workers joined a real union affiliated with the AFL.

This employer group made threatening speeches, the sum of which amounted to trying to prevent unionization. Parts of the speeches were as follows:

Drivers Didn't Scare

By Dan Smith: "You know, boys, when we had that trouble with the union in San Francisco, the railroad company spotted a car right in front of our door without even asking for it."

This was meant to intimidate the truck drivers. It didn't.

Other parts of speeches were, not to have anything to do with outsiders, but if you must have a union, go up and see Mr. Warmoth of the Central Labor Council of Sonoma County and many more in Petaluma who were not at this meeting.

Send us news of your union.

STUDIO WORKER HITS GANGSTER UNION-CONTROL

Progressive "White Rats" Fight For Democracy

By a Studio Worker

HOLLYWOOD—As you see, we need help here. We were sold out in a strike in 1933, one of the major strikes in the United States, under Roosevelt. We were out five weeks, then gangsters and labor racketeers came in and look over the union. We have had no voice since.

We are paying \$9 a month dues, are going to be assessed two per cent of our salary each week. It is 100 per cent Fascism all the way through.

For Industrial Unionism

Ninety-eight per cent of all studio workers want to join John L. Lewis because the International Alliance of Theatrical State Employees is now almost a vertical industrial set-up, only the workers cannot control it.

We have many crafts within the IATSE, such as painters, carpenters, grips, electricians, prop makers, property men, green men, cameramen, sound men, and many others. Besides, we have a studio basic agreement. Also, every Monday morning the Screen Actors' Guild and other crafts meet for their mutual benefit.

At Producers' Mercy

We are supposed to have a closed shop. The charter of the IATSE was closed January 1, 1936. Our charter of Local 37 was taken away from us after we had been out on strike for five weeks.

We are at the dictates of the producers, who are in cahoots with the top leadership of the IATSE. When John Lewis was suspended by the AFL, George Browne, our president, was elected to fill Lewis' post as vice-president.

Something is rotten, somewhere. Can you start working towards our benefit and welfare? I belong to the White Rats, an organization that is growing fast among studio workers. The letter I enclose, submitting protests to President Browne against the two per cent assessment, is an example of how we are going at it.

Asks Cooperation

I did some work with longshoremen in regard to actors carrying a union ticket, and twice have actors and others been called off location because they did not have a union card—Paramount Pictures and Columbia Pictures. Now if the longshoremen would cooperate with the White Rats, it will help, for at the present, due to settlement of the strike, we have to work with finks and scabs now who took our jobs.

See what you can do for us in the way of concerted action and publicity.

Racketeers in Labor

Our labor leaders came from Chicago. Two factions fought for control of the top leadership of the IATSE. I believe Thomas Malloy was shot in Chicago over the dispute.

The professor thinks that strikes are detrimental to our society; that the farmers need better laborers; that unemployment is so great the farmers should get farm help at a very low price.

Get Some Real Information

I suggest he make the rounds with our county physician into the so-called homes, located in shacks, tents, and even some living on ditch banks without even a roof over their heads.

If he would gather information

real first-hand information on the farm labor question, let him inquire into the average yearly earning of each farm hand.

Property comes into existence only by labor. Farm produce is in reality the product of labor.

Just suppose, Professor Valentine, that you owned all of Yuma Valley, but no one would work for you at all: Your stock

would soon perish and the soil

be a desert waste.

Compare with Soviet Union

Now, professor, I suggest you take thought of the real cause of the anxiety of the farmers and other workers. That is the greedy, profiteering Capitalist system, which tells the farmer what he must take for his produce, and tells everyone what he must pay for what he buys.

Further, I suggest that you compare the conditions in our capitalist America, where millions are destitute in the midst of plenty, with the conditions in the USSR where there is no unemployment, and where the Constitution forbids anyone to make money off another's labor.

Also, professor, you may gain information on the labor question throughout the nation, if you should become an ardent reader of the Western Worker.

The demand for time and a half for overtime was also won.

Previously union demands were 65 cents per hour for men, 55 cents per hour for women.

No time was lost as the workers were told to return to work next day. A one-year agreement was signed.

Invaluable Books

May Go to YOU!

The prize is invaluable—the contest is easy to qualify for—so put your ear in today, and get going!

"Soviet Communism," by Sidney and Beatrice Webb, two volumes that sell at \$7.50, is the grand prize offered to the "Western's" worker correspondents.

Here are the rules:

1. Your entry is a letter to the Workers' Correspondence Editor,

Western Worker, 121 Haight St.,

San Francisco, telling what the "Western" means to you and

your fellow workers in factory,

dock, ship, farm or neighbor-

hood.

2. Letters must have name and address of writer. Names and addresses will NOT be published in the "Western."

3. Letters will be published from time to time on this page; write them as long as you please but we may have to condense some of them for publication.

4. Letters must be postmarked before midnight, April 15, to be eligible.

If you think it's hard to write such a letter, just read the following tips and find out how easy it is:

1. Write up a story about some happening, issue, or general conditions in the factory where you work, or in your union; in the agricultural fields; in your farm area; or in your neighborhood.

2. Send in your story to the Workers' Correspondence Editor and at the same time order a bundle, small or large as you can handle for sale or distribution among your fellow workers or neighbors.

3. "Follow up" by contacting your fellow workers or neighbors to whom you have sold the "Western" containing your story, and asking them what they think of the "Western" and how it helps them in their day-to-day struggles. This last point will give you the best possible material to write about in your contest letter.

If you want advice or further suggestions, just write the Workers' Correspondence Editor for full cooperation.

Get out your pencil, or dip your pen in ink, and write your entry in this prize contest of a lifetime. On with the deluge!

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Send in news of your union.

PORTERVILLE ALLIANCE IS BIG SUCCESS

Win First Grievances As Exeter, Pixley Organizing

By a Worker Correspondent

PORTERVILLE—The Workers Alliance set up a union here on March 3, and took a few new relief cases and two new grievances to the relief office in Visalia on March 4.

As soon as the drones in the office found out for sure that we had set up a union, they came to life and put our cases ahead of about 50 other cases. In all these cases, they were told they would be investigated in three days.

One case which needed help immediately received an \$11 grocery order on any store in Porterville.

Shows Alliance Value

We let one single man go by himself as a non-union man, against two single men that are union, for a test of the union's reaction on the SRA. The non-union man was turned down flat and was told they couldn't do a thing for him, while the two union men were promised a visitor's investigation in three days.

You can see the discrimination between union and non-union, so we are looking forward to a large union.

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"AFL Stake in Douglas Strike Big As CIO's"

SO L.A. LABOR COUNCIL TOLD BY DELEGATES

Reactionaries Did Not Succeed in "Outlawing"

The story below may be a bit belated, but it is of great importance in showing the sentiment of the rank and file for the organization of the unorganized, a sentiment which made it impossible to declare the Douglas Aircraft strike outlaw.

LOS ANGELES—At the Central Labor Council meeting Friday, March 5, a report of the Council Executive Board declaring the Douglas sit-down strike an outlaw strike and refusing it any support was overwhelmingly rejected by a vote of 120-105.

All visitors were asked to leave the Council hall after a motion put forward by Secretary J. W. Buzzell, calling for executive session had been adopted by the delegates.

The secretary then read the report of the executive board, which dealt with the question of supporting the Douglas sit-down strikers. Under this head Buzzell read a letter from William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor.

Calling the CIO a "dual organization" and "hostile to the AFL," the letter declared that "now the labor movement has got to draw the line" and calling upon all AFL bodies—Central Labor Councils and State Federations—"to refuse to give any aid, support, or comfort to any CIO organizations."

After reading the letter from Green, which forcefully demonstrated the splitting tactics of the president, the executive board report declared the Douglas strike an outlaw strike, attacked the leadership, and refused the strikers any support.

Indignant Protest

Heated and lively discussion immediately arose as a result of this report. Many delegates indignantly protested what one delegate termed a "battle cry to split the labor movement."

Delegates Gillette of the Musicians' Union, Reed of the Studio Painters, Pelman of the Millmen's Union, and many others arose to speak against the report and to urge unity within the ranks of the labor movement.

Stating that "the defeat of this strike would be a defeat for the whole labor movement," Brother Pelman said: "The AFL has as great stake in this as the CIO. If we would go forward to make Los Angeles a 100 per cent union town, we must support this strike."

This issue was not one of disloyalty to the AFL, he said. "It is my loyalty to the AFL that makes me take the position that a defeat in this strike would be a serious defeat to the Los Angeles labor movement."

"Are we going to twiddle our thumbs about jurisdiction, when thousands of workers on the picket line are asking for our support?"

Buzzell and Lewis

In speaking for the Executive Board's report and against support of the strike, Secretary Buzzell bitterly attacked the leadership of the strike—a strike which he termed "alleged" and "outlaw."

To support this strike, he declared, would be to "support everything foreign to the American Federation of Labor."

Attacking John L. Lewis, CIO leader, Buzzell claimed that the automobile strike settlement in Flint was a "betrayal of the interests of the auto workers."

Finally a motion was made to accept the executive board report omitting the section dealing with the Douglas strike, and this motion carried with a vote of 120-105.

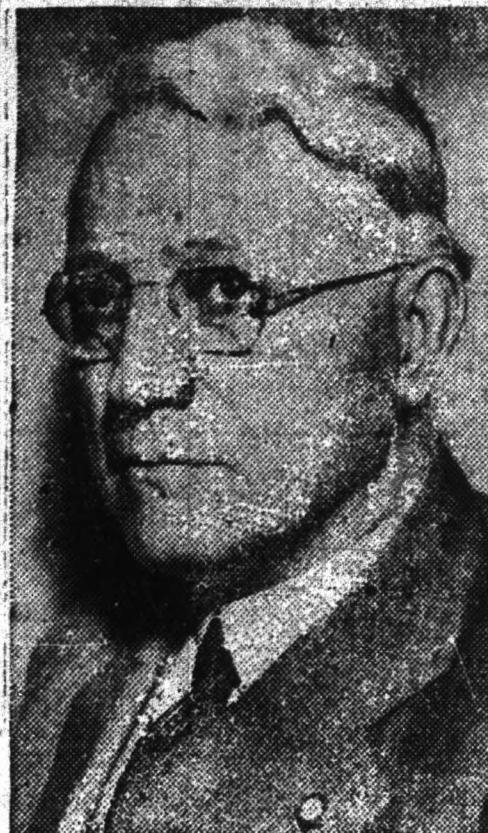
Chairman Sherman, refusing democratic procedure, refused to recognize a motion to support the strikers, and, on appeal, the motion lost.

Delegate Haggerty of the Building Trades Council then made a motion to take a "neutral position in this affair." This motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Reveal Profiteering In Food Prices

WASHINGTON—Food costs dropped throughout the U.S. by the small margin of 1-10 of one per cent, but not on the West Coast. The Bureau of Labor Statistics announced the price index throughout the Pacific area rose 2.7 per cent during the month ended February, and prices in Los Angeles rose 3.4 per cent.

WAGE DEMAND



LABOR FACTS ON THE MOTOR BEARING CASE

Sifting The Truth From Falsehoods In East Bay

OAKLAND—In the lock-out of workers of the National Motor Bearing Co., history repeats itself. But also, a new and quite interesting phase of labor struggle has developed.

In the matter of history repeating itself, we again witness the splitting tactics of a reactionary union official. This time it is Business Agent Vernon, Auto Mechanics, Local 1546.

Many Slanderous Attacks

Summoned by National Motor Bearing Co. employers for the purpose of side-tracking determined organizational efforts of employees, Vernon and an unrecognized accomplice directed a vituperative attack on the Federal Labor Union, terming it an "outlaw" organization and urged workers to join an AFL union. That Federal Labor Union is affiliated with the AFL, Vernon evidently is not aware.

Vernon is the business agent who contrived with at least one known garage owner to deprive a union mechanic from receiving time-and-a-half for overtime.

The temper of his reception is expressed in the indignant statement of workers: "Vernon has a lot of gall, waiting till we organize, then coming around and trying to split us up!"

Repeating his Hitlerite tactics of the USL strike, Capt. Brown, Eastern Police Station, forced out a committee of workers headed by Frank Slaby, President United Automobile Workers, Local 76, from the office

bitions center on the state administration. They nominated Gene Gaillac, Electrical Workers business agent, who has aligned himself with progressive positions within the labor movement in the past. Gaillac represents their overture to labor and their awareness of the demands for progressiveness by labor generally.

Half of Unions on Record

The situation within the Democratic Party is not rosy, however. John V. Lewis, McAdoo's right-hand man here, has expressed opposition to the Democratic slate and his support of the incumbents. This, of course, represents the fight of McAdoo forces for control of this committee. In a further move, some 60 Democratic clubs, under leadership of H. Beldenser, former Alameda councilman, are meeting to protest the action of the Sherwood committee.

The situation today finds almost half the unions in the Federation on record for independent political action. Nearly all unions have discussed the question. That independent action was not taken at this time is due to the feverish activities of reactionaries and machine politicians to avert it. But progress is reflected in the frantic maneuvers of these reactionaries.

With adoption of a program expressing immediate needs of labor and progressives generally, the Federation will be able to assure itself that candidates who themselves to this program will represent the interests of labor.

The Republicans are interested in maintaining control over the city, while the Democrats are job-hungry and plan an active partisan campaign. Both prefer the traditional policy that the Federation has pursued—that of endorsing certain candidates who profess sympathy with labor or who perhaps are not quite as bloodily reactionary as the other. In their growing bankruptcy, the old-line parties recognize the movement for a breakaway from their machines. Their politics, therefore, have been to avoid alienation of labor's sympathy by using connecting links in the labor movement.

But labor knows that the administration's anti-labor bias is proved in its refusal to guarantee workers their fundamental rights to organize, to strike and picket, and by its neglect of considering or enacting any progressive legislation. The Democratic Party likewise advances no program to satisfy these immediate needs, or candidates who by their reputation warrant labor's support. The movement for independent political action will be speeded when these reactionaries and representatives of machine politics have been swept out of office.

This is the first article on the Oakland municipal elections. Following articles will discuss issues, platforms and candidates, and the position of the Communist Party.

Clerks in Chico (Butte County) Make Demands

CHICO—Retail store clerks prepared to present employers with demands for better working conditions, including shorter hours and possibly higher wages.

Officers, elected after a series of meetings, are: Herbert Walker, president; Henry Allen, vice-president; Maurice Murphy, secretary, and Orville Giles, treasurer.

Many of the clerks are compelled to work as high as 14 hours daily, leaders charged. The unit will apply for a charter to affiliate with the National Association of Retail Clerks.

L. A. Carpenters in Solidarity Bond

LOS ANGELES—Local 25, Carpenters' Union, has stretched out the hand of fellowship to the Millinery Workers' organization to make Los Angeles a 100 per cent union town for the milliners.

The Carpenters purchased 20 tickets to the Milliners' big dance and, furthermore, came across with \$20 for an "ad" in the dance program.

Get in touch with the Milliners, 524 South Spring Street, phone VAndike 3364, and come to their dance to be held Saturday night, April 24.

Brother Roberts, the business agent, and the girls, deserve the support of all the workers.

of the firm.

Enter Capt. Brown

The brutally inclined Brown entered the NMB Co. waiting room and viciously growled at the committee awaiting an interview with the employers: "What are you guys doin' here? You guys are locked-out, so get out before I arrests the lot of you!"

No accusing finger was pointed at the grievance committee seated in that anteroom, so by what right did the aspiring Hitler of Oakland enter a private establishment and order the committee to leave? Under whose orders does Capt. Brown work, the employers' or those of the tax-paying citizens who pay his wages? Perhaps the bosses pay more. In that event, let Brown get out—resign—and work in the capacity of private rat.

A few months ago, a petition was circulated, demanding Brown's immediate removal because of his liberty-crushing drive against USL strikers.

The Labor Council wants him removed.

A two-day old worker in Bearing plant, Frank Gruder, is circulating among the workers for the purpose, as he himself admits, of learning the sentiment and spirit of the locked-out workers. Questioned by vigilant pickets, he referred them to two foremen and one stockholder for credentials.

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It's also timely to start building a Farmer-Labor Party.

By a Worker Correspondent

VACAVILLE—Enclosed you will find a clipping from the Vacaville Reporter, the local paper. In it you will see the position our reactionary congressmen, Frank H. Buck, take on the Supreme Court issue, attacking the plan to curb the court.

Of course, we are not a bit surprised, as his record has been one of the most reactionary of all California congressmen.

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Some of the Things That Led to the Aircraft Strike in Douglas Company

By E. B.

SANTA MONICA—A few side glances at the conditions that led to the sit-down strike in California's largest aircraft factory easily explain the holiday spirit that exists among the aircraft workers in Santa Monica.

"They made me teach a kid to rivet and then gave him my job at fifteen cents an hour less than they paid me. Now me and the wife and kids are back on relief, you couldn't live on their damn lousy pay, let alone save enough to keep off relief." That is another one that is heard loud and often, and it is always followed with: "Well, I've joined the union. They'll see that I get back to work!"

Union From Now On

"I got the ax for talking union. By God! we're going to talk union from now on and they are going to like it!"

"There's Eddie and Joe signing up. Hell! I thought they were good Morgan men. Just goes to show you can't always tell."

"Good work there, Eddie, old kid! Don't let Joe get away! Gosh,

MODESTO MEN AND FIGHT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

Vic Johnson Backs Bill Sponsored By Labor Defense

That the Modesto boys are interested in labor's fight for civil rights is seen from a letter by Vic Johnson to the International Labor Defense:

California State Prison, San Quentin, Calif. International Labor Defense, 1005 Market St., San Francisco. Friends:

The Modesto defendants have been informed that there is to be introduced shortly into Congress a bill, sponsored by the International Labor Defense, the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners and other liberal and labor groups, to create a special status for labor and political prisoners.

Rights for Labor Prisoners

Besides establishing a distinction between those imprisoned as the result of criminal pursuits and those incarcerated for political beliefs or labor activities, the bill is to provide special privileges, including freedom of mail from censorship, the right to have visitors at all reasonable hours, to have books and literature of their own choosing, to wear civilian clothes, if so desired, and other privileges now denied labor and political prisoners confined in institutions established primarily for those of criminal pursuits and tendencies.

As a labor prisoner, may I extend to you my thanks for your efforts on my behalf and for others who are now or who may be in my present predicament?

Labor and the minority political parties are not asking too much when they seek to change the status of the imprisoned victims of the class struggle from that of medievally-treated criminals to a state bordering on modern tolerance and humanitarian principles. The bill deserves the support of every class conscious worker and every friend of labor and champion of political freedom.

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